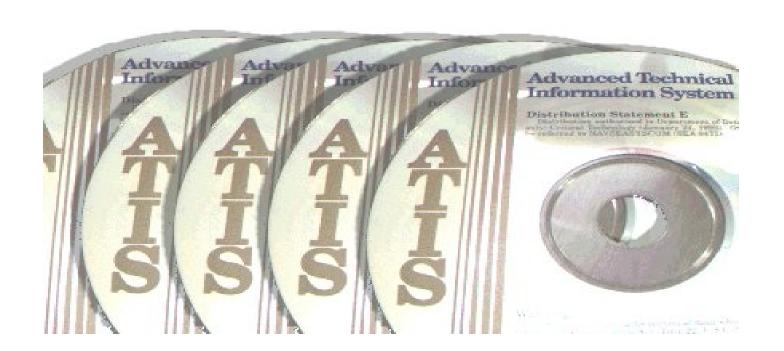


# ADVANCED TECHNICAL INFORMATION SUPPORT (ATIS) SYSTEM

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### INTRODUCTION

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### **ATIS OVERVIEW**

- ATIS is a Navy standard digital data repository and presentation system that provides easy access to technical data
- Provides a standard platform on which to link technical documentation and logistics/ configuration indices

#### Platforms:

- Standalone- Windows NT, Windows 95, WFWG 3.1 or 3.11
- Network-
  - Part of NTCSS network Novell server
  - IT-21/ISNS network & NTCSS optimized- Windows NT server
- 16-bit and 32 bit versions of software



# ATIS CAPABILITIES AND DATA SUPPORTED

- Index and retrieval of raster scanned technical manuals and engineering drawings for each ship class and airframe in the Navy
  - NIRS/NIFF and C4 formats per MIL-PRF-28002
- Index, display, launch electronic technical manuals (IETM/ETMs) and other third party CD-ROM applications
  - CG 47, DD 963, DDG 51, AOE 6, FFG 7-gas turbine system
  - MCM 1- all systems on ship
  - SSN21, SSN 688, and SSBN 726 class ETMs
  - NSTM, and many other ETMs currently under development (SGML, HTML and other formats as well)
  - Almost any application that can be launched from a command line
- Launch other Windows based applications



# ATIS CAPABILITIES AND DATA SUPPORTED

- Index, display, launch interactive electronic engineering drawing applications (IEDs)
  - Uses IED.NDX file format
  - Functionality similar to ETM/IETM support provided in ATIS
  - First part of NDX file entry contains drawing meta data and second part contains command line information necessary to launch the IED product
  - Document management requirements (replacement of older raster or IED images) contained in IED.NDX file
  - Functionality in version 1.3 (32 bit) and version 4.2(16 bit)



### IETM.NDX FILE DESCRIPTION

- ATIS IETM support is quite flexible
- IETM.NDX file is key to ETM/IETM indexing within ATIS
- Provides necessary information to index ETMs into ATIS TM database and launch the given ETM view package to display the ETM
- Details found at http://navysgml.dt.navy.mil/ietmdeve.html
- Breakdown of IETM.NDX file
  - Two basic parts to each IETM.NDX file entry
    - Document identification and classification
      - DOCID, REV, DATE, TITLE, CHANGE HISTORY
      - CLASSIFICATION, RESTRICTIONS, RELEASES, etc..
    - Command line information to launch to specific ETM or section of ETM
      - DEFAULT EXE
      - COMMAND LINE ARGUEMENTS
      - DEFAULT DIRECTORY
      - SELECTIONS
      - INI FILE

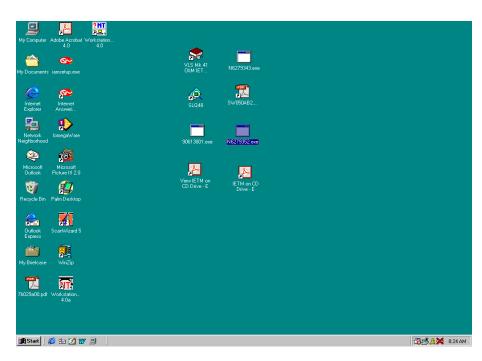


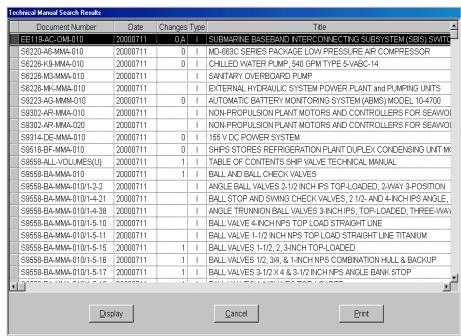
### **IETM.NDX CAPABILITIES**

- IETM.NDX file is flexible enough to support launching of almost any Windows based application from within ATIS
- Use of <VARIABLES> and INI files in command line information allow for use of 1 CD of data with 1 IETM.NDX file to support multiple viewers for different operating systems
  - Ex. Adobe Acrobat uses one executable for Windows 3.11 and a different one for Win 95 and Win NT
  - Same logic can be applied to accessing html/xml based documents
- Can use shell execute programs to simplify IETM.NDX entries



### WHY USE ATIS?







## ETM/IETM TESTING AND ATIS COMPATIBILITY

- IETM developers must forward advance copy of CD-ROM to NSLC Atlantic for ATIS compatibility testing
- Testing to verify IETM.NDX meta data matches data found in TDMIS
- Two week turn around on testing
- Verification of IETM.NDX data can be done ahead of time
- ATIS Compatibility Testing Procedures can be found at the following web site:
  - http://navycals.dt.navy.mil/ietm/ietmdeve.html
- ETM/IETM CD-ROM management and testing letter ser 04l3/039 of 23 JUL 99 discusses testing



# ATIS FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITIES AND DATA SUPPORTED

- Configuration data indices
  - Search by identifiers other than DOCID or Title
  - Ships configuration and logistics information system (SCLSIS)
  - Motors and controllers manual index (M&CMI)
  - Valve label index (VLI)
  - Ship's drawing indices (SDI)
  - Generic index
  - Generic index of technical publications (ITP)
  - Micro-OMMs
- Allow external apps to link into ATIS to retrieve specific TM or ED via INTERFAC.EXE
  - TLMS, OMMS-NG, ICAS and ETMs use capability



#### INTERFAC.EXE

- INTERFAC.EXE is a command line interface that allows other applications to link back to ATIS to display a TM or ED
- Allows ETM developers to use external SGML references in SGML documents to link to TMs not under control of the developer
- ATIS controls link so developers do not need to keep TMs in synch
- ETM developers using this function to link reference lists in ETMs to other TMs and EDs
- Can build shortcuts/links to commonly used TMs and EDs and place in external menu bar, thus allowing bookmarks



#### RECENT ATIS ENHANCEMENTS

- Multiple page printing of raster TMs and EDs
  - Print selected pages, chapters, entire TM
  - Print frames, sheets, entire drawing
  - Capability to print to file for future view/print needs
- Foldout printing capability (raster TMs and EDs)
  - Scaleable from full size to 1 sheet
  - Prints portion of image on  $8.5 \times 11$  paper with tick marks and legend to line up individual sheets
  - Future plans to allow viewer/print function to be called by ETM applications
- Pending Change indicator
  - Allows administrator to indicate a change that may apply to TM or ETM when it is not available on CD yet (ACNs)
  - 254 character field
- Raster TM and ED annotations
  - Public--Created by administrator
  - Private--Created by user
  - Up to 9 pages of text



#### RECENT ATIS ENHANCEMENTS

- Raster Folder capability
  - Copy image to folders and take folder and FOLDER.EXE to any other PC to view images
- Utility program to produce lists of TM and ED CDs in database as well as determining CD a particular TM or ED is located on
- Ability to build bookmarks(external menu options) to specific TMs and EDs from TM and ED search results
- ATIS is not coded to communicate with any specific COTS hardware or software (jukebox or jukebox server, RAID array etc. Can be used to provide access to data)
  - ATIS looks for CDROM volume on a given path
    - Ex. CDJBPATH=J:\CDROM This path could be pointing to a Smart Storage supported jukebox, a VCDMAN supported jukebox, a Mediator supported jukebox, an Iomega zip drive, a hard drive or a RAID array mapped to drive J.
  - Jukebox path can be mapped drive or UNC mapping



# CURRENT & FUTURE ATIS EFFORTS

- 32 bit ATIS version 1.3 and 16 bit version 4.2 testing and distribution
- Multi class support
  - Ability to support multiple classes of information on one file server
- "Other documents" modules
  - Provide ships the ability to index locally scanned documents, instructions, procedures etc. that are not technical data
- Web ATIS development
  - Migration of ATIS application to run from web browser interface with intranet web server and application/database server
  - Web ATIS IPT



### ATIS INSTALLATIONS

- Over 280 shipboard installations
  - 32 bit ATIS
    - 128 ships networked (approx.. 110 have RAID)
    - 66 ships standalone
    - RAID replacement is done as funding and personnel resources permit.
  - 16 bit ATIS
    - 69 ships networked (awaiting tech refresh from IT-21/ISNS)
    - 36 ships standalone
  - Network shipboard installations supported by NTCSS program
- Several hundred shore based installations



### **ISSUES**

- 16 bit vs. 32 bit operating systems
  - Installations through fall 1997 were WFWG and Novell
  - Fall 97 through 1999 installs used Win NT and jukeboxes
  - Installations since 1999 have used Win NT and RAID
  - Design products to work with lowest common configuration
- Jukeboxes vs. RAID
  - Jukeboxes cache files to memory to free CD drives for others to use
  - · Raid allows direct access to server hard disk for multiple users
- Preferred products list (PPL)
  - NTCSS PPL initiated by CINCLANTFLT/CINCPACFLT naval message in April 1996
  - Means to control loading of software applications on NTCSS network
  - IT-21/ISNS PPL process established in 1999?
  - http://www.massolant.navy.mil/ppl/PreferredProductList.htm
  - Issue of grandfathering existing applications
  - Costs to test new applications
  - Future environments (Win 2K, Win XP?)



#### **DATA ISSUES**

- ATIS presents digital technical information
  - Information comes from TMMAs, planning yards, NSDSA, ETM developers, etc.
  - Availability of technical and configuration data varies by class
- ATIS is the only place where this data is integrated
  - SDIs and raster drawing CDs.
  - ITPs, raster TM CDs and IETMs.
  - SCLSIS, SDIs, and ITPs.
- ATIS has limited capabilities to correct data problems
- ATIS requires exact matches in order to ensure the correct data is given to the sailor
  - Technical Manuals:
    - Publication ID (TMINs), Revision/Pub date, Change history
  - Engineering Drawings:
    - Drawing number, Document Type, CAGE, and Revision



### DATA ISSUES CONTINUED

- Existing data in independent legacy systems don't always match, examples are:
  - Is the TM DOCID 0948-095-5010 or 0948-LP-095-5010?
  - Is the TM DOCID S9593-CD-MMO-010 or S9593-CD-MM0-010? (second is MM"Zero")
  - Does the IETM have changes A and B as required or not?
  - Are 4788662 CAGE 96169, 4788662 CAGE 53711, and 4788662 CAGE 80064 the same or different drawings?
  - Are 5385805 CAGE 53711 Document type 01, 5385805 CAGE 53711 Document type 2, and 5385805 CAGE 53711 Document type blank the same or different drawings?
- Resulting situations
  - If an exact match is found the sailor sees the technical manual/engineering drawing
  - If an id only match is found the sailor must make a selection from the partial matches because the requested item is not available
  - If no match is found the sailor is told the item is not available
- Need to eliminate manual intervention and software work arounds
- Deliver technical data with correct identifiers (meta data)



### **SUMMARY**

- ATIS application provides ships and shore activities access to technical data
- ATIS is installed on
  - 197+ shipboard network installations
  - 100+ standalone installations
  - Hundreds of shore facilities
- Software is proven and supported
- Technical Data and associated meta data are key elements in ATIS